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SUBJECT: JAPANESE STANDARDS FOR ELECTRICAL CORDS AND
PLUGS

STATE ALSO PASS COMMERCE

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED COMPLAINT FROM LOCAL SUBSIDIARY OF LARGE U.S. MANUFACTURER OF CONSUMER ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES THAT MITI REGULATIONS REQUIRING JAPANESE-MADE LINE CORDS AND PLUGS TO BE AFFIXED TO REFRIGERATORS UPON IMPORT INTO JAPAN AND PRIOR TO DISTRIBUTION TO RETAILERS CONSTITUTES SERIOUS CONSTRAINT TO GROWTH IN MARKET FOR U.S.-MADE REFRIGERATORS. COST TO COMPANY OF MAKING REQUIRED MODIFICATION REFLECTED RETAIL PRICES OF APPLIANCES THUS REDUCING COMPETITIVENESS.

2. THIS COMPLAINT ONE OF MANY CENTERING ON JAPAN ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND MATERIALS CONTROL LAW WHICH PROHIBIT SALE OF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, MANUFACTURED IN JAPAN OR IMPORTED, WITHOUT PRIOR MITI-APPROVED TESTING PROCEDURE (AIRGRAM FOLLOWS).

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHAT COMPARABLE LEGAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS MUST BE MET BY FOREIGN ELECTRICAL PRODUCT MANUFACTURERS BEFORE SALE CAN BE MADE IN US. IN ADDITION, EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT ISSUE OF ELECTRICAL STANDARDS WAS SUBJECT OF US-EUROPEAN DISCUSSIONS WITHIN PAST FEW YEARS. EMBASSY
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WOULD APPRECIATE ANY RELEVANT INFO.

4. FOLLOWING RECEIPT INFO REQUESTED PARA 3, EMBASSY WILL
REVIEW FOR POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW TO IMPROVE
ACCESS FOR US ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT.
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